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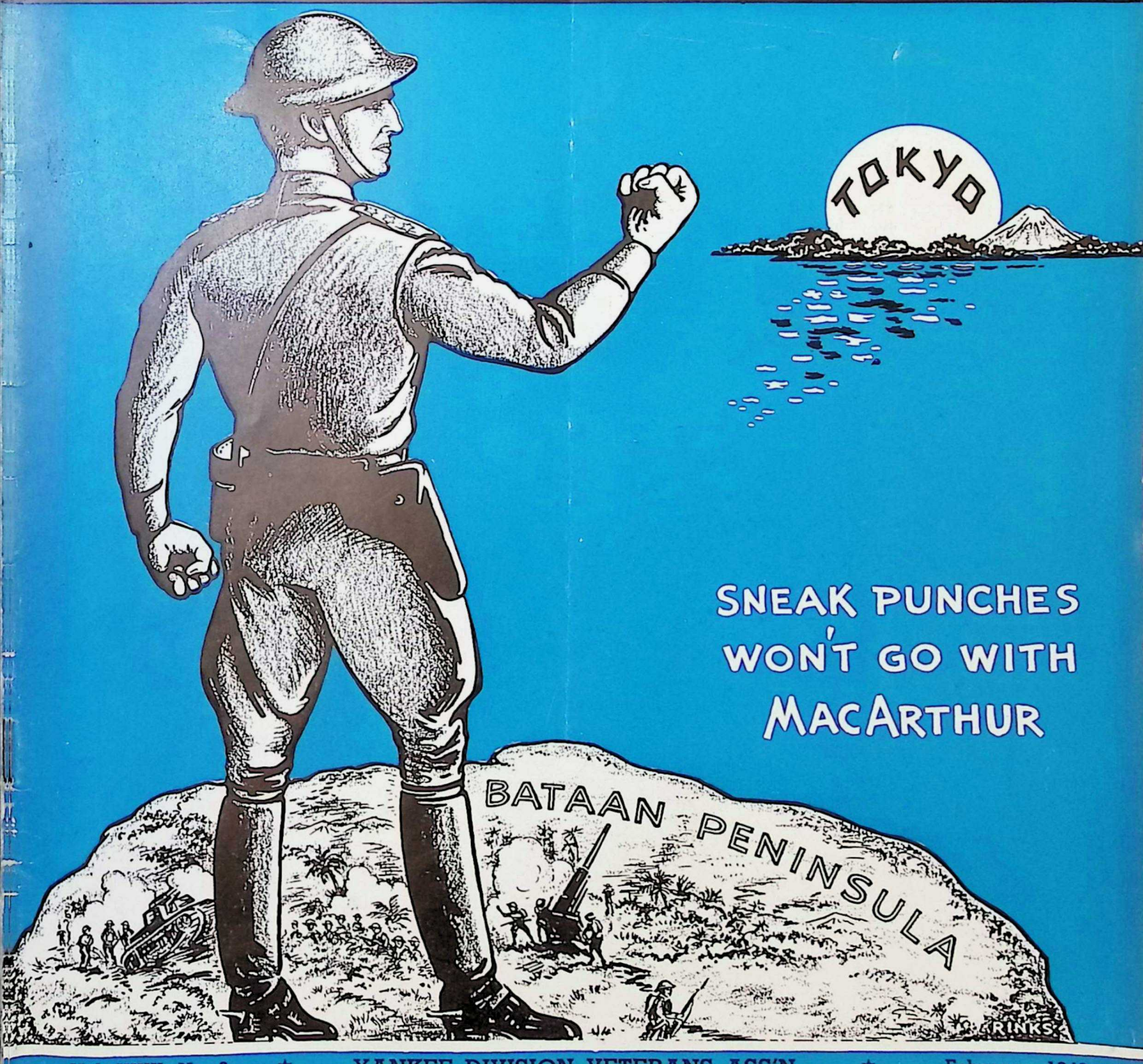

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EDITORIAL

"MacARTHUR COUNTER-ATTACKS"

Every day we veterans of the last war pick up the newspapers we are certain to read these words: "MacArthur counter-attacks."

It isn't enough that he is besieged by an enraged enemy who expected to conquer him weeks ago. It isn't enough that the odds are 10 to 1 against him; — MacArthur counter-attacks!

What a man to uphold the honor and glory of the red, white and blue! Kimmel and Short may have let us down, but on Bataan Peninsula a first class fighting man shakes his fist at the "Son of — Heaven", — and taunts him to "come and get it!" We hope he can hold, but hold or not the country glories in his magnificent fight.

Rejuvenated America

DAVID SWARTZ
National Americanism Officer

How best may one aid the nation during this crisis! This is the universal cry of the American citizen. It aptly demonstrates that the desire to act in the nation's hour of need is the prevalent thought in the minds of the American people. It is the answer of rejuvenated America to Japan and the Axis powers. The thought, the desire to act, and the very action itself will make itself known to all the enemies of the nation as each person in the United States exerts their utmost effort to purchase defense stamps and bonds, to work every possible moment on defense production, to lend support and to become a part of the armed or civilian defense forces ready for immediate dispatch to places of danger exercising complete and full unanimity of effort in bringing this war to a victorious end for the democratic nations.

The United States did not seek this war. It was thrust upon her by the treacherous acts of a power formerly considered to be on friendly relations. To bring victory to the righteous cause of freedom and to enjoy peace every true-hearted son of the nation must be prepared to meet all exigencies with every bit of force at his command and must also be prepared to make all necessary sacrifices to wage a successful war against all enemies.

The country in the face of its most crucial and trying time of its history finds its people most resolute with the grim determination to wage a successful warfare and to exact a severe penalty. The people are determined that democracy shall triumph, peace shall reign, freedom retained, and justice received in full and complete repayment for all sanguinary aims directed against the United States of America and the civil liberties of the people, and that "The Star-Spangled Banner shall continue to wave over the land of the free and the home of the brave."

HAVE YOU PAID FOR YOUR XMAS CARDS?

Many a YDVA member tied a string around his finger some time ago but we're willing to bet he has forgotten what the darned thing was supposed to remind him of. That, my noble brother, was for one dollar. N.B. The small profit goes into the YDVA treasury.

The Love of Hogan

It was dusk when we slogged through the mud and rain to the outskirts of Montigney le Roi, — and it was nearer midnight when the last mess-kit clattered against the garbage can. The first platoon of B Co. bedded down in a stable not too long vacant and "Gimme a cigarette" Hogan was vocal — as usual. "Bad cess to the day," said he, "that iver I took up a gun for the frogs and the limeys." He threw his round-about over a stanchion and waxed philosophical as he stripped off his wet breeches. "It's not exactly handsome I am," he mused as he took stock of the baggy drawers that sagged from all points of his five foot four, "but me grandfather O'Mahoney was so homely that he killed two beef-eaters stone dead by just a look at the Battle of the Boyne." Not that I am as bad as that," he hastened to say. "You've got such a mug," someone called out of the darkness of the stall, "that your only chance of getting a girl is to knock her down with an ammunition case."

The diminutive Hogan leaped four feet straight up, his baggy underwear a close second. "I can lick the b — d who said that," he howled, and nobody volunteering to take up the challenge of the enraged Irisher he continued, "and I'll have me a girl, the prettiest one in this damn dump, or it's free drinks to all of yez, come pay day." Somebody rolled over on the straw-littered floor. " 'Tis drunk he is," they mimicked. "Again." Chuckles in the darkness, then the groans and snores of tired men.

It was the second day in our rest area that Hogan spotted her. With rapt eyes he watched her as she clattered along. "Glory be to God," he prayed aloud, "imagine a red head in this bog. Sure, and the Irish have been everywhere."

From here on the courtship was fast and furious. It was a rare day that the Irisher failed to arrive without an offering of sugar or bacon grease. It was a still rarer day that didn't find Hogan bragging about his progress. "Didn't yuh ever hear 'There's something about the Irish'," he would carol gaily and amble off to spend the evening with her — and mother.

There was no lack of advice offered Hogan on what to do with mother. It ranged from getting her plastered to poison, but for poor Hogan it came too late to be effective.

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YD Men's Service Sons In March Doings

There must be many a loyal YDVA member who has a son, maybe more than one, or a daughter, in some branch of the service. All of us would like to cheer these youngsters of ours who are picking up the fight where we thought we had finished it.

We'll use as many pages as necessary to run their pictures if you fathers will supply the cut. Ask an engraver to make you a 120 screen halftone cut from a photograph, the size to be one and one-eighth inches square. It will not cost much, particularly if you know a YD engraver. To indicate what it will look like we show a picture of Guy Watt's boy, Gardner, below, with the copy indicating the boy's branch of service and dad's name and outfit.

Let's do a job on this. Get that cut made and rushed to DOINGS within 48 hours.

PVT. GARDNER L. WATTS
1st Reconnaisance Squadron
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Son of Guy Watts, Co C, 104th Inf.

FOR THE LOVE OF HOGAN

(Continued from Page Two)

The blow fell a couple of days before we were due to move out and the party the first platoon staged, with Hogan on the paying end, and completely paralyzed, is something to remember.

The Irisher had walked down with another load of G I produce, a do-or-die glint in his eye, — the jeers of the first platoon egging him on. As he entered the girl's home a French soldier ceremoniously arose to salute him and shake hands. "You 'ave been so much good to my little wife," he said brokenly, "her shall never forget."

A. V. J.

BURSTS!

If you have a good one—send it in.

A patient in a lunatic ward insisted he was Adolf Hitler.

Doctor—Who gave you that name?

Patient—God gave it to me.

"No, I didn't," answered a voice from a neighboring bed.

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Man—Well, I suppose you're plenty angry because I came home with this black eye last night?

Wife (sweetly) — Not at all, dear. You may not remember it, but when you came home you didn't have that black eye.

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And then there's the Tennessee draftee, assigned to Illinois' Camp Grant Medical Replacement Center, who was asked to fill out a biographical questionnaire. In answer to one question, he wrote:

"The most exciting and thrilling moment of my life was when I was born — I was speechless for two years."

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One of our Army-camp correspondents writes to tell us of an encounter between the Officer of the Day and a new recruit. The rookie was stopped by the officer, who, like a good O.D., decided to check on the private's knowledge of Army orders. Quickly he barked:

"What's the eighth General Order?"

The recruit sprang to attention, smartly saluted, blurted out:

"Thou shalt not steal!"

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Teacher—Now children, every morning you ought to take a cold bath; and that will make you feel rosy all over. Are there any questions?

Boy in back of room—Yeah, teacher, tell us some more about Rosie.

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It is not too early to start thinking about the Springfield Convention which is to take place on June 25, 26, 27, and 28. When we attend a fine convention like the one held in Manchester last year, few of us stop to realize the long, hard work put in by the Convention Committee to make it successful. It will greatly help the Springfield Committee, headed up by Dennis Brunton, if we back them up by signing up an advance registration now. It will assist them in making forecasts on the attendance and give them some working capital to take care of necessary current expenses. (Incidentally the fee will be 50 cents higher if we wait until after May 25).

As a suggestion: obey that impulse and send your check or money order for $2.00 now; payable to Treasurer, Springfield Convention, Y.D. V.A., Inc. Mail to Frank W. Larrow, Treas., 1490 Main Street, Springfield, Mass.

Elliot A. Carter

National Commander.

Feb. 15, 1942.

A P O

Lt. Col. WILLIAM B. HIGGINS, 102nd F.A., has been named Assistant Chief of Staff of the Fifth Army Corps.

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Attention all Chapters who had pictures in DOINGS recently. We regret we cannot run pictures of any Chapter more than once every four issues as our space is limited and we want all chapters to have a chance so that representation will be fair and impartial. If you, like Haverhill Chapter, have bought a cut for DOINGS after one was used in DOINGS, save it and send it in again in about three months. We'll be glad to use it.

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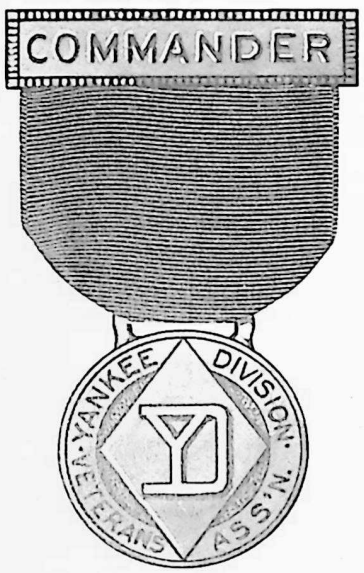
HAROLD J. SMITH, Sergeant 101st HDQ. Co., Signal Corps, is now a major in the U. S. Air Corps and is somewhere in the Pacific Northwest.



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A P O

HARRY M. GAMBRIEL, 104th Inf., has just been made president of the Kansas City, Mo. Police Board. He is also Colonel of the Third Inf., Mo. Reserve Force.

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GEORGE DEWEY, Co. D, 103rd M.G. Bat'n., is now a Lt. Col. in the Fourth Div., U. S. A., (Mechanized).

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Commander FRED V. HIRSCH, New Haven Chapter, writes they are organizing a Last Man's Club. As soon as we get the details we'll give you all the dope.

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The cry, "Where's AUSTIN APPLEBY?", has at last been answered. He's been laid up with a blood clot in his leg due to an injury suffered at his office. We hope that this issue of DOINGS will find him well along the road to recovery.

DAVE SWARTZ, our Nat. Americanism Officer, has been besieged by various members for his apparent negligence in not appearing in DOINGS more frequently. Don't blame Dave, blame the editor — or rather blame our financial standing. When we hit you readers with more than 32 pages any month it means that we have gone over our budget and must retrench the next month. We try to run as many articles as possible and if all who submit features will try to hit an average of 350 words we'll try to get it in that issue or the next.

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Time like an army moves steadily on,
The living soldiers have vowed to keep
Faith with the dead — Beyond the Marne.

River of blood, (still in a trance)
Trying to forget as we journey on,
Shells — Gas — mud — dead, "somewhere in France"
Our buddies are waiting — Beyond the Marne.

Time heals wounds of earth and man;
Change, like nature, moves on and on,
Fate moulds events to some great plan,
The wheat now grows — Beyond the Marne.

The Legion of the dead are not asleep;
An army in France is carrying on!
Marching forever in order to keep
Faith with the living — Beyond the Marne.

ROYAL K. HAYES,
P. N. Chaplain,
P. N. Americanism Officer.

CENSORSHIP IS IN FORCE

Comrades will understand, we are sure, when they find references to men of the old outfits who are back in service. Many times we are informed just where they are but in the interests of national security we will give no information in these columns.

By the same token, information about our new YD is not being relayed either. Rest assured, however, that they will prove a worthy successor to a gallant division of old soldiers.

A P O

Hinky Dinky of Providence sends in his slant on the new YD being admitted to membership in YDVA. He says, "All of us appreciate the neutral stand taken by the editor. He tells us what's cooking, we decide if we are hungry. We do NOT need any blood transfusion to inject new energy into YDVA. We're a husky lot. Our viewpoint and problems are different, as our wars are different. We admire them, they're our blood brothers, but let's see what the future holds before we decide."

A P O

If you belonged to Co. E, 102nd Infantry and you do not receive a notice of Co. E's Annual Reunion, or if you have a new address since last year's reunion please send your name and address to Mrs. Albert Sponheimer, West Church St., Seymour, Conn. (And we all enjoy DOINGS says Edna. At last, a satisfied reader).

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Last month we asked for the addresses of old comrades, the idea being that a copy of DOINGS and a little persuasion might get them into a chapter. BILL KELLY, one-time sergeant in the 103rd Ambulance Co., writes that one of the men mentioned, JOSEPH GRANGER of Phila., has been an office buddy of his in the U. S. Mint and that he died suddenly on Dec. 28. He was given one of the biggest military funerals ever seen.

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From RALPH EASTMAN we get this. On May 11, 1936, PHIL SANBORN wrote Ralph suggesting "a flagpole or maybe a gateway to honor the old YD". The dream became a reality when the Commemorative Memorial was dedicated last month.

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SIGMANT BUCZINSKI, formerly of Co. G, 104th Infantry, and a member of Hartford Chapter, was recently installed as commander of the Polish Legion of American Veterans, Post No. 51, at Hartford, Conn.

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Col. CHARLES E. "Eddie" LOCKHART, (102nd Infantry) is commanding a battalion of our State Guard. The boys are on active service and have had a tough time in this sub-zero weather.

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Mrs. John C. Cairns, daughter of General Peter E. Traub, erstwhile commander of the 51st Infantry Brigade, is living in New Britain, Ct. For six years she lived at Ft. McKinley near Manila and at Zamboango on the southern tip of Mindinao.

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THIS WAR IS DIFFERENT

By Charles A. Merrill, City Editor

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It may seem trite to reiterate that this little world of ours is dealing with revolution as well as with war; that Hitler, in starting the war, advertised it as an expansion of the "new order," a crusade against "decadent plutocracy"; that as a result revolutionary and counter-revolutionary forces are in action all over the globe. But in our bewilderment over things that never happened to us in any other war, it may clarify the picture for us to reflect that war blended with revolution is more virulent than a mere war epidemic without the other complications.

In our previous World War 2,000,000 American soldiers went overseas, others trained in camps at home and many thousands of civilians, in the ranks of both business and labor, profited handsomely.

But who, in the wildest flight of imagination, could then have dreamed of the government pulling the switch on our major industry, throwing millions into temporary unemployment, depriving thousands of white-collar affiliates of any claim on their jobs and warning 130,000,000 people to learn how to travel on Shank's Mare?

No prior President ever called for an initial war appropriation of $56,000,000,000 on top of all the prewar billions spent in anticipation; and no previous generation of Americans was required to budget Federal taxes on a monthly basis, along with food and rent bills.

Our unprecedented dilemma is partly due to progress in the mechanical arts, a transition which is always in process. Mechanized warfare costs fewer lives and more dollars.

Russia Began Preparing

Drastic subordination of civilian consumption to requirements of the state is revolutionary in origin.

In modern times Russia was the first country to compel her people to tighten their belts to save their country.

Also, Russia alloted a large share of this surplus taken from the backs and stomachs of the people to build an Army — against the day.

Under a dictator and with a collective economy, Germany did the same thing.

To invade China and to prepare to join the Fascist conspiracy against the nations controlling the seas and the sources of raw materials, Japan reduced her people to the lowest possible level of subsistence.

Japan does not fit perfectly into the revolutionary pattern because, in her feudalistic setup, a fanatical Army-Navy clique functioning behind the throne has always had final control over national policy. But observe that the militarists had to keep Japanese business leaders in the background and, as Winston Churchill points out, to assasinate Japanese statesmen who opposed their totalitarian ideas before launching their present adventure.

Not Playing for Marbles

The point, however, is this: Enemy countries adopted the drastic revolutionary technique for war purposes.

Russia, prepared in the same manner, has thus far fared well.

France failed to adopt similar counter measures, and fell.

Britain hesitated, sought to keep business as usual, and almost fell.

Profiting from these experiences, the United States now plumps for total war. As the saying goes, we realize that we are not playing for marbles. Uncle Sam conscripts men and plans to register those too old to fight for service, if necessary, on the home front. The Treasury dips into personal income, big and little. Private enterprise is suffered to contine only so long as it does not interfere with the war effort.

Our chief interest today is winning the war.

Had All "the Breaks"

We have had all "the breaks" in this war which was certain eventually to engulf us.

First, while the British Navy held the crusading, revolutionary Nazis in check on the Atlantic, we had time to prepare ourselves mentally, time to start building a Navy and training an Army, time to organize and start war production.

Second, Hitler gave us a tremendous break by attacking Russia. As Dorothy Thompson has reminded us, if the Nazi-Soviet pact had reached full fruition, Hitler and Stalin would have forged a well nigh invincible combination which would have been in a position to make a revolutionary appeal to the masses of workers throughout the world.

Third, Mr. Jap gave us a break by landing that sneak punch on us while we slept. As a result, this nation is not only awake, prepared to meet revolutionary war methods with measures just as drastic, but more united than it has ever been in its history.

No Program as Yet

Americans are fortunate at this point not to feel called upon to formulate any program for the regeneration of the world. We are not being asked to "make the world safe for democracy." The Japs gave us our slogans: "Remember Pearl Harbor" and "Keep 'Em Flying." This is a war for the defense of the U. S. A. It is also a war to convince all nations that aggression is not a cure for the ills of the world.

We cannot subscribe to all the formulae of all our Allies. In many of its aspects the British imperial system does not appeal to us as being in the interest of fair play, world stability and peaceful relations. Communist

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Murray, Herbert H.	Paw.	Balo, Joe	Cleve.	Hall, Joseph M.	Bos.
Block, Sam M.	U. S.	Weld, Gardner C.	N. Brit.	Ziegler, E. J.	U. S.
O'Leary, Francis W.	N. B.	Adrien, Alphonse	Lynn	Wigglesworth, N.	Life
Daniels, Edward C.	Cal.	Bentley, Geo. W.	Bos.	Leonard, B. A.	Bos.
Pinches, F. W.	Hart.	Fray, J. P.	Wby.	Hinky Dinky	Prov.
Elgart, Louis E.	N. Y.	Cotter, A. P.	Bos.	Goucher, Chas. A.	Milf.
Hagar, Hazen	Port.	Spence, W.	Danv.	Stone, Otis L.	"
Snow, Wm. A.	Bos.	Bates, Edw.	Danv.	Sheedy, Ted	"
Storer, T. L.	Bos.	Tergeson, Harry	Man.	D'Amelio, Guy	"
Rock, A. J.	Bos.	Carter, Norman	Bos.	Mann, Lester	"
Hines, Paul H.	Bos.	Barnes, E. R.	N. L.	Baader, Samuel W.	"
Coughlin, John W.	Bos.	Sullivan, Jeremiah	Fitch.	Stroback, Albert	"
Powers, James J.	Bos.	Annis, Edwin M.	Conc.	Doxey, Milton F .	"
Grover, Wesley B.	Danv.	Stone, F. T.	Keene	Seagrave, Geo.	"
Parsons, Mrs. G. E.	Bos.	Richardson, A. S.	Wor.	Spilski, Frank	"
MacRae, Roderick	N. Y.	Hanson, Jos. H.	Bos.	Crockett, Elbert M.	"
Bohlin, Major Oscar	Bos.	Coughlin, Wm.	Conc.	Sanborn, C. H.	Wat.

THIS WAR IS DIFFERENT

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Russia seems a strange ally for democratic America. But we can join with these nations and China in the immediate and common task of stopping aggression.

In the last war we had an ambitious plan for saving the world, and statesmanship was not equal to it, with the result that the whole structure of civilization disintegrated for two decades. Now we have the climax — a blend of revolution and war.

It may be just as well that the Atlantic Charter did not ring the bell in the public mind as did Wilson's 14 Points. Sometimes it is better to start modestly.

Our Greatest Contribution

Just where Uncle Sam will get off this express train of social change which is whirling us along toward somewhere is fortunately a matter that he does not have to decide for the moment. First to be attended to are certain passengers whom he has to assist in pitching off into the darkness along the right of way.

When the time comes to repair the damage and to start over again, perhaps our greatest contribution will be our own example.

We may point to the Philippines, to whom we first gave help and then offered independence. We may point to our own hemisphere and, refraining from any "holier-than-thou" pose, simply recall that we once went in for "dollar diplomacy" but found it did not pay and have substituted for it what is now know as the Good Neighbor policy.

FIRST MILITARY BALL IN YEARS FOR IPSWICH, MASS.

The first full-fledged Military Ball conducted in Ipswich in many years is scheduled for Monday night, February 23, under the auspices of the Yankee Division Military Ball Committee.

The proceeds are to be used to aid in purchasing the uniforms for the local State Guard Reserve Unit.

The following committees have already been appointed: Invited Guests, Music and Decorations, BRAINARD C. WALLACE and HAVELOCK EWING; Refreshments, Dr. FREDERICK C. WILDER and J. PERRY SMITH; Tickets, FRANK MALLARD, HARMON COLE, KENNETH BELBEN and ALEX GALLANT; Local Decorating Committee, FRANK MORGAN, ALFRED WADE, ALFRED MUNIER and EDWARD MARTEL; Transportation and Trucking, LESTER WOOD and MICHAEL SWEENEY.

Col. CHARLES W. COMFORT, 118th Medical Regiment, and Lt. Col. JOSEPH P. HOULEY, 102nd Infantry, have run smash bang into War Department age restrictions, and will likely be assigned to administrative posts. That goes, too, for Maj. BILL DEADY and Lt. Col. GUS OBERLIN.

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander Eliot A. Carter, Elliott St., Nashua, N. H.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Dep't. Commander: Hazen O. Hagar, 28 Maine Ave., Portland, Maine
Dep't. Secretary: Elton P. Walker, 94 Beckett St., Portland, Maine

PORTLAND
"Cumberland County Chapter
Commander: Austin G. Lund
168 Franklin St., Portland, Me.
Secretary: Harold H. Rutter
270 Longfellow St., Westbrook, Me.

As our Chapter now has a very important part in our local county defense set up, our regular business meeting of Friday evening, Jan. 2nd was held in the new U. S. Armory in So. Portland. Under this plan, our Special Unit of YD Sheriffs attended both, Law Enforcement Defense School and YD meeting in one evening, in the same building, but at different hours. This Defense School, was the first session of which there are four in the first four Friday evenings in January. Some of the instruction on bombs and gas are old stuff to YD men but there is plenty we can learn, as the past twenty years have brought many important changes in warfare.

The business meeting was well attended. The following members being present: Dept. Commander, HAZEN O. HAGAR; Dept. Secretary, ELTON P. WALKER; Chapter Commander, AUSTIN G. LUND; Vice Commander, GAROLD T. CRESSEY; Secretary, HAROLD H. RUTTER; Treasurer, JAMES T. CUNNINGHAM; ORIN H. (Top) TYLER; LEON E. HALL; ALDEN A. DODGE; FRED W. FLAGG; ELMER I. GARSOE; RALPH B. HALEY; MISHEL KAHILL; JOSEPH W. MELANSON; RICHARD S. MOXCEY; WILLIAM TURNER; CHARLES B. HUSKINS; WILLIAM M. WHALEN; and possibly some others not remembered off hand.

The writer also noted the following guests, all YD men, FLETCHER B. LONG; ARTHUR J. PARADIS; GEORGE K. SAVAGE; HARRY R. WALLACE and ARTHUR O'BRIEN. YD Sheriff, MISHEL KAHILL, came out of the meeting and found a police tag on his car. After the surrounding air cleared a little from MISHEL'S first out burst, he discovered a no parking sign, beside his car. MISHEL says what a heck of a town, where even an officer of the law, can't break the law.

On Jan. 9th, GEORGE R. SAMSON, Co. B, 101st Eng., now living in Raymond, Me., came to Portland, looked up the Commander and paid his dues to April 1, 1943. While here he was sworn in as a YD Deputy Sheriff and was made Key man for the Town of Raymond. We appreciate your loyalty to the old YD, George, and it gives us all much courage, when we realize that even though you have no car, you will travel over 30 miles to join up your County YD Chapter.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 21st we had a special dinner meeting in the Columbia Hotel in Portland and invited the ladies to meet with us. Present at this meeting were Dept. Comm. and Mrs. Hazen O. Hagar, Dept. Sec. Elton P. Walker, Chapter Comm. Austin G. Lund, Sec. Harold H. Rutter, Treas. James T. Cunningham, Sgt.-at-Arms and Mrs. Victor Ericksen, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford B. Bruns, Mr. and Mrs. Earl A. Howard, Miss Margaret H. Lund, Mitchell Kahill, Mr. and Mrs. Orin H. Tyler and Henry H. McCullough. All though this was a very small attendance, lack of numbers did not seem to hold us back much, as the ladies went ahead with the organization of an Auxiliary and elected Mrs. Hazen O. Hagar as Temporary President and Miss Margaret H. Lund as Temporary Secretary. First regular meeting of the Auxiliary to be Feb. 10th at Mrs. Victor Ericksen's home.

A note to the Lewiston and Waterville Chapters: Don't say we didn't warn you, we are creeping up on you. Our membership will be the largest in Maine next year. Watch us fly by.

— AUSTIN G. LUND.

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DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT

Dep't. Commander: William Cudworth, R.F.D. No. 1, Brattleboro, Vt.
Dep't. Secretary: Joseph G. Abair, 8 Hubbard St., Montpelier, Vt.

Things are so dead up here that if you go out on the street after nine o'clock at night it's a treat to meet someone and from the looks of things it will be worse. People have left here and a large percentage are in the arm forces and of course others have left where they can find employment and it makes one realize that we are at war.

The country does not have to worry about how we in the 26th Division stand in this war with Germany, we are in the 12% class that knows what war is.

Thanks to Austin Lund's news item in the Portland items in the last issue of DOINGS. It is what I have been trying to put over here in Vermont for years past and show the boys that we should stick together as time goes on.

I do not know what is in the wind or what is undercover up here in Vermont, but I am sure that some one is doing their damndest to stop the growth of YD. Ever since the formation of the St. Albans Chapter they even tried to hold up the formation and, mind you, these fellows are YD men. Up here in Vermont we could go to town if we only stick together. For the past years I have written letters after letters to YD men in St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, Newport, Winooski and Burlington and they don't even answer them, but when you see them they promise that they will get the gang together. That old story about hurting the Legion or Veterans is all a bunch of bunk. Right here in Vermont they would not have either organization if it wasn't for the YD fellows. It is different when they want a favor, they expect that you turn Heaven and H-ll over for them.

I noticed a car on the road the other day with a Vermont plate No. 101-A and found out that it belonged to Chief Mechanic CHARLES A. ROOT, 101st Amm. Train, Burlington, Vt. Charlie is Vermont Department Inspector for Industrial Relation. When I saw the car coming I could not believe my eyes to see a Vermont official with 101 and to find out that he was a YD man, they are scarce up here even if we did have 1200 in the 26th Division. Charlie you have got something on rest of the Vermont gang.

EDWARD MEE, 101st Amm. Tr. and JOHN MURRY of Barre, Vt., 102nd Inf., have both left for construction work in foreign lands, no doubt to get things ready for we old bucks they could still use us on road work, remember, like the French we saw years ago.

— JOSEPH G. ABAIR,
Dept. Secretary.

BRATTLEBORO

Commander: Leon Barnes
75 Oak Grove Ave., Brattleboro, Vt.
Secretary: Nicholas Schultz
Williamsville, Vt.

The regular monthly meeting held on third Monday, Jan. 19th, in Legion rooms. Fifteen members present. Meeting brought to order by Commander BARNES. After usual business which was disposed in short order the most important at this time took the floor, our home defense starting with special police, special firemen, to air defense and observers. You can be assured the old YD gang is doing their part.

Our BILL CUDWORTH made a motion for Windham County Chapter to donate sum of money to War Chest.

The evening was very interesting, usual YD spirit prevailed with BILLY GILSON at Tops.

"Shorty" ARTHUR BARNARD showed up at this meeting, he was working down in Connecticut, he also left part of his YDVA dues, balance will be due in a week. Thanks Arthur, for the Good of YD.

"Buddy" MARTELL, Co. C, 103rd Inf. here also at this meeting, signifying his intention to join our chapter. Glad to have you with us Buddy MARTELL.

We also had our Canadian Vet visitor. We were invited to American Legion meeting held twice monthly, which was held in ajoining room, topic of the evening, "Income Tax."

Remember Pearl Harbor, Wake Island and our gallant defenders, General MacArthur and his regulars at Philippines, who are paying back to those yellow hornets for that not-forgotten stab in the back. To our brave men, God Bless you all.

I am proud to note that my two oldest sons, Russell A. and Eugene N., who are married, are

employed as drillers in sub building plant, my third oldest, Nicholas Pershing, also married, at propeller shop holds commercial pilot license has applied to U. S. Air Corps as cadet pilot.

My fourth and fifth are in U. S. Marine Corps both Corporals, Ethan Allen and Warren Harding, stationed at Norfolk, Va. They expect to go to Town soon. These two leathernecks were home during deer hunting season, November 1st.

My sixth and seventh like their dad in Vt. State Guard, both first class pvts., Allen Fletcher and George E. are at home. Since Jan. 12th we have been doing guard duty around Brattleboro, and Springfield, Vt.

— Sgt. NICK SCHULTZ,
Co. C, 1st Reg., V.S.G.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Dep't. Commander: Edward C. Maley, 21 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.
Dep't. Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan, R.F.D. No. 2, Springfield, Mass.

STATE MEETING

Regular meeting of the Yankee Division Veterans Association was held at Danvers, Mass., Jan. 11th at the Town Hall.

Meeting called to order by Sr. Vice Commander. Colors were advanced by Comrade SMITH who acted as Sgt.-at-Arms. Prayer was offered by Department Chaplain SAUNDERS of Worcester.

No record of the Department Commander's letter to the National Secretary on membership questionnaire.

No action taken on the method of notifying Chapters by postcards in the future as in the past three months. Lack of cooperation in sending the return postcards to the Department Secretary in time to send same to the host chapter.

Sr. Vice Commander VARNUM reported that Lynn Chapter paid a visit to Chelsea Hospital and presented all YD men patients with a box and also put on a show there.

Installation Jan. 10th in Bradford with a record crowd present. Two meetings past month. Held drawing. Nat. and Mass. Comm. at the Installation.

Lawrence four present, trying to carry on in spite of the fact most of the members are in National Defense or in public service. Lynn, cooperating with Civilian Defense, trip to Chelsea Hospital visited all YD Comrades.

Worcester, after State Dept. Meeting in Feb., a delegation will visit Rutland Hospital and pass out boxes to all YD patients.

Fitchburg, three present, held installation the night before, (Jan. 10th), followed by fine steak dinner and floor show. $1,500 given away past year to local charities and uniforms to members.

Springfield, two present, Department reported the progress of the Convention Committee. Plans for an indoor bazar, later changed to outdoors.

— T. F. CROKAN,
Dept. Secretary.

BOSTON

Commander: John F. Collins
381 Pond Ave., Brookline, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

The January Smoker was held as usual on the third Thursday of the month with Alton Hall Blackington better known as "Blackie". Blackie is one of our standbys and as usual was at his best with one of the most interesting talks he has given here.

The hall was filled to capacity and it is a test for the Speaker to have everyone sit through the entire talk. The minute they begin to lag a bit it means a movement towards the door but with Blackie no one leaves.

Doc. ISAACS was a recent visitor to the Club. He has joined the Navy and is stationed at the Chelsea Naval Hospital with the rating of Pharmacist Mate.

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for the Club this year: A. JOHN HALFENSTINE, M. JOSEPH KELLEHER, JAMES H. LYNCH, EVERETT H. CASWELL and JAMES J. BEST. Alternates are JAMES H. SULLIVAN, FAY FOSS and ALEXANDER RAINES.

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CONCORD
"Minute Man Chapter"
Commander: B. Alcott Pratt
73 Main St., Concord, Mass.
Secretary: Harold E. Clapp
Wheeler Lane, North Acton, Mass.

Realizing that we have been off the air as regards the YANKEE DOINGS we want to say that we are still holding the fort in spite of the various defense activities.

Our last meeting was held Thursday night, January 22 at the Concord Armory with 24 members present. We had the honor of having as guests, National Commander ELIOT A. CARTER and Sgt.-at-Arms WILLIAM J. MCNULTY who installed officers for the coming year.

Commander PERRY TARLETON of the Haverhill Chapter with his aides Sr. V.-C. WALLACE BURNHAM, Jr. V.-C. ERNEST METEYER honored us with a visit which we greatly appreciated. Haverhill Chapter is doing a fine job with their Jr. Drum Corps and we all hope to hear them in the near future. We also had C. H. NORTON of the YD Post of Boston as a guest.

We are sorry some of the boys of the Chapter missed the splendid entertainment of colored motion pictures presented by JOSEPH DEE of Concord. The scenes were of Ireland and the Canadian West Coast. The excellent descriptions and stories on the side were told as only Joe could tell them. There were also fine pictures of the departure of Co. H, 182nd Infantry of Concord, for Camp Edwards. Our Commander, B. ALCOTT PRATT was right on the job as usual.

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday evening, Feb. 12 at the YD Cafe, Bedford, Mass. The boys of the Chapter from the Bedford Section, under the eagle eye of FREDERICK SULLIVAN, "Sully" will endeavor to see that his dear friend WILLIAM "Bill" MCCARTHY of the Concord section will be well entertained. Yeah, GUNNAR HEMMINGEEN will see that Sulley is on the job. Just a word to all our other members. Don't forget — check off Thurs. night, Feb. 12. Come and show we are still on the job. Concord Minute Man Chapter will be heard from more often in the DOINGS.

— H. E. C.

DANVERS
Commander: Wesley B. Grover
Secretary: Charles W. Davis
21 Holten St., Danvers, Mass.

Danvers Chapter did not hold a meeting during Dec. due to the holidays so we had nothing to report, but I guess it was all right because Sister THEBAULD of the Salem chapter more than made up for lack of doings in Danvers, that was a good write-up EMILE and you hit it on the head, keep it up YANKEE DOINGS.

Well, Danvers hasn't much to say, we will hold our Jan. Meeting at Mrs. Pike's with the usual H. B. W. hour followed by a chicken and steak dinner, at which 22 have signified their intention of being present, the chapter members are doing their part in local defense work, HAROLD WILLIAMS is chief air raid warden and is doing a splendid job and the boys are giving him good support. We had the honor of entertaining the State Dept. at their Jan. meeting and considering the distance a good many of the boys had to travel the attendance was exceptionally good. 42 sat down to a fine chicken pie supper and we hope the boys enjoyed it.

I guess they did all right cause there was very little left, we hope next time to have more fritters. The boys from Haverhill must have been chicken minded as they had the same feed the night before at their installation. The boys are coming across gradually toward the Memorial Fund but any of the members from Danvers reading this who have not yet donated just pass it along to me and I will see that it reaches Headquarters, fifty cents from each member is not much to donate but of course you are not limited, one dollar is just as good, let's see this thing through, it is a fine thing for the old man, enough said.

— C. W. DAVIS,
Secretary.

FITCHBURG
Commander: Arthur T. Nelson
5 Joslin Place, Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: William E. King
431 Main St., Leominster, Mass.

Fitchburg Chapter, Y.D.V.A., held its installation of Officers, for the year 1942, at the Hotel Raymond, Fitchburg, Mass., on Saturday night, Jan. 10, 1942, following a stage show and steak dinner.

The following officers were installed by Past Department Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY, assisted by his Past Department Sergeant-at-Arms, JAMES SULLIVAN.

Commander, ARTHUR H. NELSON; Sr. Vice Commander, HAROLD M. FISHER; Jr. Vice Commander, DANIEL NOONAN; Chaplain, DANIEL MORAN; Secretary, WILLIAM E. KING; Treasurer, SAMUEL T. FARRELL. Executive Committee, FRANCIS DACEY, WILLIAM STAPLEY, WILFRED LAMOTHE, URBAN RIENDEAU, and Past Commander J. HAROLD CRAIN.

After the installation, Past Department Commander AUSTIN APPLEBY presented Past Commander J. HAROLD CRAIN with a Past Commander Badge.

Guests of the evening were Mathias LaPierre, Mayor of the City of Leominster, Mass. Comrade ALFRED H. WOOLACOTT, Mayor of the City of Fitchburg, Mass. Major Walter L. Beaman, representing the Mayor of the City of Gardner, Mass. And Department Vice Commander LEO VARNUM of Lynn, Mass. Ninty-four members of the Chapter attended the installation.

Comrades HAROLD M. FISHER, ARTHUR ROBICHAUD and JOHN FRANCIS was the Committee in charge of the arrangements for the installation.

— WILLIAM E. KING,
Secretary.

LYNN

Commander: Perley E. Knight
16 Archer St., Lynn, Mass.
Secretary: Christian Schacht
197 Adams St., Malden, Mass.

During the past month Lynn has really worked into the true War Spirit. We voted to purchase a $1,000.00 Defense Bond for a starter, turned over to the President's Birthday Ball committee $230.00 and furnished a complete outfit for local Red Cross Ambulance. The chapter also appointed a committee headed by PETER PERRAULT who sent to every YD man now in the service and every YD man's son in the service a large box containing a carton of cigarettes and all kinds of goodies and useful articles. EUSTIS GRIMES heads the Auxiliary Police Force in Swampscott and doing a swell job and over 50 of our members are working as Auxiliary Fire and Police or Air Raid Wardens and H. ALLEN "Joe" DURKEE and RAY DOUCETTE are on the Board of Directors of the Red Cross. Many of the ladies are in key spots in the defense program and Mrs. Allen Durkee, Mrs. Fred Mower and Mrs. Francis Crowe are in the Red Cross motor corps; Mrs. Perley Knight and Mrs. Lloyd Pitman in the Canteen Unit and Mrs. Raymond Doucette, Mrs. Howard Smith, Mrs. John Lee are in the Sewing and Knitting Unit. A great many others too numerous to mention are very active and doing their bit.

With this great defense program going on and many of our own members working overtime and nights, our meetings have thinned out some but we do manage to have quite a crowd at our monthly smokers which are going over big under the direction of CLAUDE HOAG, S.V.C. assisted by GUSTAVE JOHNSON, HERBERT WEEKS, EARL TRECARTIN, RICHARD HENNESSEY, EARL THORNTON, EDMUND TRUDELL and CHRISTIAN SCHACHT.

On the sick list we have comrades AL HYATT and FRAN GUINDON at Chelsea Soldiers Home with BILL ROOME at Chelsea Naval and BILL EDDOWS at Brighton Marine. EDGAR BARNES and JOHN RYAN are confined to their homes in Saugus. Two of our good members were heroes last month and deserve plenty of praise, first, CLAYTON PEVEAR was almost fatally hurt at the big St. Mary's Church fire when he volunteered to assist the Priest in saving the Sacred Vessels and second, LEO MALLOY jumped into Birch Brook Pond and saved a boy and almost saved another and has been recommended for the Carnegie Medal. Our next monthly smoker will be held Feb. 24th, and all you YD men are invited to pay us a visit.

— RAY DOUCETTE.

NEW BEDFORD

Commander: William H. Barter
32 Hussey St., New Bedford, Mass.
Secretary: William W. Dresner
140 Central Ave., New Bedford, Mass.

Led by the Commander, eleven members attended the Unveiling of the Bronze Memorial Plaque at Camp Edwards, January 5th. In the short space of time we had for notifying the members we had to do the best we could over the telephone. All the boys enjoyed the trip and after the unveiling ceremonies took the opportunity to visit some of our old Comrades.

We visited Major Perry and other officers and men of the old outfit. The Service Club was visited where we had a full course dinner. Next stop was a visit to the quarters of Battery A of the 180th Field Artillery. We were taken in tow by Corporal BILL BARTER, who showed us all through the barracks, mess hall, kitchen and recreation room where the boys stopped for about an hour. LEN MCDONNELL entertained the boys at the piano while more of us tried out the old pipes and the harmony put us in mind of the old days in France. Needless to say we all missed JACK HYLAND'S tenor and JOE GILLOW'S baritone. We next visited the canteens of several of the outfits and then repaired to the theatre where we saw the musical comedy called "The Beachcombers". The admission price 20c sure was cheap for that type of show.

The next meeting will be held as usual at Carpenters' Hall, 6th Street, where Bucky Beauclaire will serve one of his famous chowders.

The Regular Meeting in March will be held the second Tuesday at which time the Election of Officers for the coming fiscal year will be held. At that time we hope to have the largest attendance of the year to give every member a chance to exercise their prerogative of voting for their choice to lead them for another year.

Our Annual Drive for members for the coming fiscal year is now under way and the committee is once more headed by that hard worker in everything he tackles LEN MCDONNELL. Let's all get behind LEN and shove the drive over the top with a bang.

— WILLIAM H. BARTER.

SALEM

Commander: John F. Walsh
81 Summer St., Salem, Mass.
Secretary: Charles A. Laforme
33 Balcomb St., Salem, Mass.

At last we are back in our own Quarters again and held our first meeting last Friday, with 11 faithful members in attendance, not such a much, but a start.

Well, well, the "Old Top Kick" ED CALHOUN himself was on deck, and acting as Secretary, as "Count" LAFORME was late. Cal agreed with me on one of my arguments — first time on record, as "Yard Bird" SMITH says, "the Top Kick must be tetched in the haid."

We are going to hold a joint party with the Ladies' Auxiliary sometime in February, dance, refreshments, etc. Question of refreshments came up, LORENZO WRIGHT was wrong as usual. He works in a hot dog cart these days, he could see nothing but "Lambs Fries" for refreshments.

Comm. "Zipper" WALSH gave us a pep talk — reminded us of P. C. "Youse Guys" BANNON; by the way we hear "Youse Guys" is in So. Boston — no wonder we don't see him anymore — P. C. "Cribbage" PELLETIER spent the evening with us until he had to leave for work at the Gen. Elec. in Lynn. Come more often, Buddy.

"Money Bag" THIBODEAU was in charge of refreshments. "Baby Dumplin" TOMKINS said THIBODEAU must have put alum in the coffee, as he kept whistling during the penny stud game. Point of order "Dutch" AYERS was on deck, Dutch did not raise any point of order during the meeting, but we noticed he raised a pot belly since we saw him last.

WILLIE "Ham" MCHUGH made an appearance after a hard campaign in politics, — no, he was not the candidate, just his assistant, if the winner had lost, Willie Ham's choice would have won. "Infant" POMPETTE ST. PIERRE was in attendance, but not a crack was heard from him.

Nominations in March, election in April; time to get going, boys.

—"Sister" THIBAULT.

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Dennis Brunton
42 Ranney St., Springfield, Mass.
Secretary: Roy M. Coons
51 Elmdale St., W. Springfield, Mass.

I am sorry that there was nothing from the Springfield Chapter in the last issue of the DOINGS in regards to the wonderful Children's Xmas Party. I thought that the Auxiliary would surely write it up. Well it is better late than never so here goes.

With Mrs. Mary Dee as Chairman and her committee, gifts were presented to 85 sons and daughters with candy, oranges and apples, also Comrade PATCH showed five reels of moving pictures along with some very entertainment put on by four boys who had every thing but the kitchen sink, which was followed by a lunch served by the Auxiliary and a good time was had by all who attended and the party broke up about midnight. Santa was TOM CROKAN.

It was voted by the Chapter to remember the sons and the daughters of our members who are

answering the call of good old Uncle Sam, double postcards were sent out to every member of the chapter requesting to fill them out with the name and address and return them to the Secretary so that the committee could send a box or some suitable gift. Now by the time this is published six or seven weeks have past that the cards have been sent out, and only six have sent there cards back. I know there are more, but why in H--l don't you fellows reply as the committee would like to get going.

At this writing I am sorry to report that the son of Comrade JACK LOWE who is a member of the Air Corps at Pearl Harbor was wounded.

The members of the chapter all hope for a speedy recovery.

— ROY M. COONS,
Secretary.

ONE OF CROKAN'S STORIES

It happened after leaving the Quincy Woods sector, (our first hitch in the lines). Marching out under cover of darkness, we entrained at a small town, at one time called Pompierre, drawing our regular parlor car — 8 chavaux, 40 hommes. Our car had 54 men with pack and rifles.

Riding all night till about 9 or 10 A. M. next day the troop train stopped and we had a chance to straighten out and stretch our legs after sleeping on each other, or trying to.

Although most of us were broke one of our privates from the "Foreign Legion" (4th Platoon to Co. B, 104th Inf.) after conversing in good French with an old French woman, although an Armenian, handed her a hundred franc note to get two bottles of Vin Blanc. The old lady departed to fullfil the mission.

Well just about the time she was seen coming up the road to the station, Maj. Doane, troop commander, gave orders to entrain, all of us willing enough to, except Garabedian. I expected the Major to throw him on. He finally climbed into the box car, only to hop off again a little way down the tracks.

We arrived in Bar Sur Aube about noon, were quartered and fed a good noon day meal. At retreat that night Garabedian was A.W.O.L. But to make a long story short who came into town about 10 A. M. the next day riding between two French Generals, believe it or not, it was Garabedian, with the two litres of Vin Blanc and the change of the 100 franc note. If it were anyone else and with that much money it would be a week before he found his outfit. The last I saw of Garabedian was in Worcester, at last 104th Reunion.

Springfield Auxiliary

No doubt you will be as disappointed as we are to have lost our Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Greer. Mrs. Greer has found it necessary to resign, so this is the reason we have had no articles in the last few issues.

We have had our usual monthly meetings and have had considerable work to do. Right now we are all putting forth our efforts to assist with work at the Red Cross. Mrs. Crokan has made a special appeal for workers.

Perhaps you people will be interested to learn that we are planning to send appropriate boxes to sons of the YD men and women in our chapter who are now in the military or naval services.

We recently completed an afgan which will be presented to a patient at the Rutland Hospital.

We have already started our spring drive of activities, for we are planning a card party early next month. Mrs. Loretta Huntley has been selected as chairman of this event.

We wish at this time to take occasion to express our sincerest sympathy to Mrs. Bertha Chadderton, who has lost her brother, Mr. Harry Belanger.

— Florence H. Patch,
Secretary.

WORCESTER
Commander: Robert W. Vail
27 Bauer St., Worcester, Mass.
Secretary: Clyde O. Elliott
8 Newbury St., Worcester, Mass.

This report is a little late so that we may get in a few words about our trip to Rutland on Sunday, Feb. 1, following our State Meeting which was held here. Our meetings which are held so near the first of the month when all items are supposed to be in for the next issue of DOINGS leaves us with a little to speak about, but nevertheless, we here in the "Heart of the Commonwealth" are always on the go to help any of our Comrades that may need assistance.

Since our last meeting several of the boys have

been deputized as auxiliary policemen during any emergency that may arise, by our comrade, Chief of Police THOMAS F. FOLEY, at the other Veteran organizations; but this week at our own meeting he will put the bee on the other boys that have not been present at the other meetings.

Before I go into detail relative to last week-end, there are a few items that need to be noted here, our sympathy is extended to Comrade W. LATHAM on the loss of his mother, and to Comrade SAUNDERS on the loss of his sister.

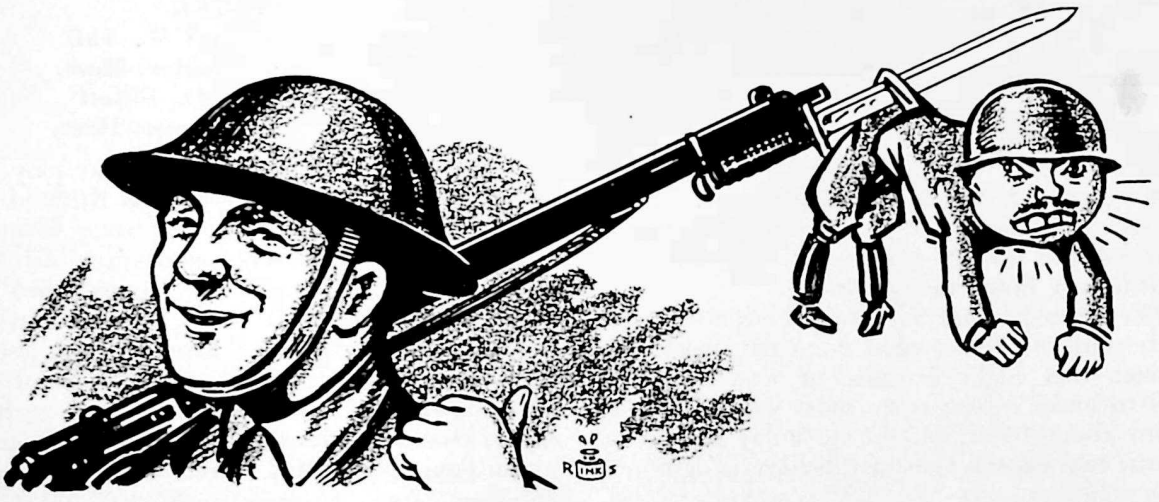
It has been said before, and it will probably bear repeating, firemen are hot. Take the case of Comrade JOE MOYLAN, a member of the local fire department, and the local chapter, he has had the 12th child added to his family; congratulations to you, Joe, and may you add many more. Joe also has a son that is now wearing two stripes in the regular army. Joe, Jr. is a corporal in I Company, 21st Inf., stationed at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii. Yours truly's boy goes into Boston, Friday, (Feb. 6), for his final examination.

I always knew that the boys of the YD were rugged, but I didn't know that they were rugged enough to stand for 30 "minutes" in silent tribute for our departed comrades; ask State Dept. Sec. TOM CROKAN. The state meeting that was held here was of the usual affair, but following that they were served with a wonderful meal, and then off to the Veterans Hospital in Rutland, where all YD men whether they belong to the national organization or not, were given a package that contained several items that are needed by anybody that is confined in a hospital including a carton of cigarettes.

Following the trip around the wards those of the Veterans that were able to get to the Recreation Hall, whether it be by foot or wheel chair, were entertained for an hour and three-quarters by an entertainment sponsored by Danny Duggan, which was enjoyed to the utmost by all of the comrades that were present. While waiting in the hall for the show to start, I was approached by a comrade that wanted to be remembered to his comrades in Conn., namely Comrade OLIVER A. HARBERT, D Co., 102nd Infantry.

When the show returned to the city the whole cast along with the committee that worked so hard to make the affair the success that it was, stopped at Eddie Cosgroves' "Worcester Room" where a wonderful dinner was served. Our sincere thanks are extended to the three young ladies from Boston who call themselves the "Three Cheers", and believe me they are, for any comrade that is feeling low, they gave several tunes that certainly cheered up the boys. The good time that the boys had, sought of woke up the boys of Haverhill, as they want to put on a show some time in the spring.

— C. O. E.



DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Dep't. Commander: Robert M. Murray, 9 Tallman Ave., Providence, R. I.
Dep't. Secretary: Wm. Monte, Arnold's Neck, Warwick, R. I.

STATE MEETING

Rhode Island State Dept. Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25th in the Odd Fellows Hall, School St., Crompton, R. I. There were at least 175 members of the YDVA along with their ladies and friends. This was another meeting where the turn out was very good. For guest we had none other than Comrade Buck O'Brien of the New York Chapter. His pep talk was edifying. Your Secretary regrets that there is only one Buck O'Brien in this YDVA.

In regards to the issuance of registration plates bearing YD as a prefix to registration numbers in this State, the matter has been given serious consideration by the powers that be but I guess we will have to wait.

Once again the time has come for a committee to get together and select a new slate of Dept. Officers. Members of committee are, Apremont, Ralph Dexter, Albert Shabbott, Joseph Frechette. Providence, Lawrence Cook, Walter Vickrey, Mick Crescenza. Kent, William Bergin, Alfred Heaton, William Monte.

May I remind you that the next State Department meeting will be held in Pawtucket, Apremont Chapter will be the host. Read YANKEE DOINGS for date.

—William Monte.

PAWTUCKET
"Apremont Chapter"
Commander: Joseph L. Bourget
907 Main St., Pawtucket, R. I.
Secretary: Ralph W. Dexter
43 Thornley St., Pawtucket, R. I.

You may look forward to our annual banquet soon. Motions to that effect were carried at the last meeting and preparations are in the mill. The committee would be interested in where you would like them to hold it. Why don't you come down to the next meeting and express yourselves?

I will be around to see you soon to discuss membership for 1942, and, by the way, the new membership committee has already started with the "raffle" and if you haven't your "Membership raffle tickets" by now, you can expect them soon. Please make an effort to help with this and by the time the convention rolls around, you will be very proud to report Apremont Chapter's Membership for 1942 as 100%. We will be in a position to break all records. We could make Apremont No. 5 or 6 in the YDVA next year. We could go ahead of Providence. What do you say boys? Wouldn't you be proud of that accomplishment? All you have to do is shill out when the committee man comes to see you, and send him on his way to the next member, "with a smile."

We can buy as many uniforms as there are men in this Chapter—if you want one. Just come down to one of our meetings in the near future and get the "dope", it's very simple. Remember we bought 15 uniforms last year and we had enough cash for about seven more, and we started late in the season.

Our next meeting after you receive this notice (3rd Thursday in March) will be a joint meeting of Apremont Chapter and the R. I. State Dept. It will be an open meeting where the ladies are invited. Why not plan on taking your wife down and get acquainted with the other ladies in the YD and have a good time.

Please let us know through our Secretary, whose address appears at the head of this column whenever anything happens to a YD Veteran regardless of whether he is a member of the YDVA or not.

—J. L. B.

Kent County Auxiliary

A Christmas party of the chapter and auxiliary was held on Dec. 28 and was indeed a gala event for members and friends. A real Santa Claus, both jolly and plump, with a present for everyone appeared, adding greatly to the fun of the evening.

Florence Lewis as chairman deserves plenty of thanks for pleasing everyone, many compliments were heard for the manner in which the committee conducted the party. A gaily decorated table in true holiday style, holly, candles, and goodies

for all and a Christmas tree, made the Xmas party one we will remember. The new coffee maker was used for the first time, with Signe Olson in charge—and was that coffee good!

National Commander ELLIOT CARTER spoke to the ladies and received a grand hand. We hope he won't get lost the next time he pays us a visit.

Our auxiliary is growing fast and the new year promises to be one of good friendship and enjoyment for all. With the all out effort for national defense as well as Red Cross it is gratifying to know that we can answer the call with the boys this time.

—ANNA SIMPSON.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Dep't. Commander: Clarence W. Geer, 572 Prospect St., Torrington, Conn.
Dep't. Secretary: Clyde G. Beckwith, 12 Trotter St., Manchester, Conn.

STATE MEETING

State Meeting was held Sunday, January 11 at Bridgeport. Meeting opened by Commander GEER in V.F.W. Hall on Stratford Ave. Due to the extreme cold only eight chapters were represented.

Bridgeport held a turkey raffle and cleared $57. Treasurer's report for December was read by secretary and voted approved.

Illness—Secretary reports visit at Newington, finding EARLE GOWDY of Manchester and HUNIHAN of Valley; Manchester also has DAVE GALLIGAN, DAVE MCCOLLUM and HERMAN REINHOLD at Newington; Meriden reports TOMASETTI still there and GEORGE MOONEY at Rocky Hill.

Commander GEER extends the thanks of the Dept. to FRED HIRSCH and New Haven Chapter for the stationery presented to Newington Hospital.

HENRY DUBE says the resolution against foreign language broadcasting may need further thought as radio people claim President Roosevelt advocates continuing foreign language programs. This and other resolutions passed by the Dept. should come before next national executive committee session.

Commander GEER suggested that also each chapter be requested to notify Dept. of place and date of chapter meetings and to keep secretary posted on changes when they are made.

—CLYDE G. BECKWITH.

BRIDGEPORT

Commander: Charles Cockerton
78 Jerusalem Hill, Nichols, Conn.
Secretary: James W. Morrell
Long Hill, Conn.

Meetings are better attended of late and enthusiasm is noted among members to do things and go places.

The Christmas Party was a pleasant affair with the fun experienced from a grab bag enjoyed extensively by all who took part.

Very profitable to the chapter was the returns from the Christmas Turkey Raffle, two turkeys and two five dollar awards were drawn.

Home card parties and gatherings have been another source of revenue, the proceeds going to the Auxiliary who sponsors them.

The most recent party held at Commander Cockerton's lovely home was indeed a fine event and realized a tidy sum. Mrs. Cockerton and Mrs. Wyncoop were outstanding as hostesses in their usually grand fashion.

At the December State Meeting, Bridgeport predominated in attendance. Those there were State Commander Geer, McElroy, Fray, Reyburn, Marcus, Murray, and Geo. Carlos.

Jim Morrell, who was laid up for a while is now back and is the same old dynamite Jim.

—BOB REYBURN.

BRISTOL

"Mont Sec Chapter"
Commander: Arvid Anderson
16 Hillside Ave., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Fred W. Bauer
Unionville, Conn.

Twenty below zero—so we held our January 9th meeting in Bristol instead of at the Plainville YD Clubhouse, at Past State Commander BILL THOMPSON's home.

We added another good YD man to our Chapter—STANLEY PLOSKY of 45 Divinity St., Bristol, Conn.

The Chapter donated $5.00 each to the Bristol Community Chest, The American Red Cross and the Newington Home for Crippled Children.

The Chapter is planning to buy six Defense Bonds each month for the duration of the war.

Volunteers are wanted at the Mont Sec Chapter to do guard duty at the Post Office and members who can spend six hours each week are requested to get in touch with Bill Thompson.

Our meetings are the first Friday of each month at the YD Camp in Plainville. Make it a point to be at the next one—we will be glad to see you.

—Fritz Bauer.

HARTFORD

Commander: Herbert E. Nelson
492 Broadview Ter., Hartford, Conn.
Secretary: Paul J. Caravatt
43 Ansonia St., Hartford, Conn.

The first thing that comes to my mind—what's Hartford doing in this Defense Program. Then, I find our first commander and later national commander Edgar F. Miller, back in the service at Manchester, N. H. and another comrade Eric Klick, formerly of Co. H., 103rd Infantry re-enlisted again in the army. There are others I am sure but I haven't their names on hand. Then again us big belly vets and 120 lbs. weaklings are doing our bit as air raid wardens, first aiders, etc.

Events are the dances February 14th and March 14th at the Danish Brotherhood Hall which have proved very popular and financially successful.

Rather than to be disappointed by his many duties our great bird lover and past commander Bill Sullivan, was given a surprise visit on Christmas Eve. Some of his good friends passing by his house rang the bell and left a large package on Bill's doorstep. Bill brought the package into the house, which was all wrapped up with a beautiful red ribbon. Putting the package on his lap he started to unwrap it, careful not to destroy the ribbon or the fancy paper that it came in. Upon opening the cover this long necked bird looked up at Bill and let out a Quack! Quack! and immediately started to fly around the parlor. Bill, after many pantings finally cornered his man, I mean duck, and carried it safely to the basement.

Meetings are held the first Monday of each month at the Danish Brotherhood Hall, 302 White St. Come out and meet your buddies, you will enjoy it and want to come again. Also we are nearing the new year and dues are in order. Come or send yours to Harry Robertson now. Also get that YD friend of yours to join, and make this the banner year. Over the 300 we say.

—John J. Goss.

MERIDEN

Commander: Walter F. Knox
74 Bradley Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Clarence A. Roys
87 North Pearl St., Meriden, Conn.

Fiode Tomassetti died on Jan. 17 at the U. S. Veterans Hospital in Newington, Conn. He was 43 years old. He was given a YD funeral on Jan. 20 with military honors, and a large delegation of his YD comrades attended to pay their last respects. Fiode was one of the original members of Co. L 102nd Inf. and all of us who knew him will miss his happy, good natured fellowship. He was our Chapter Commander from 1940 to 1941.

Many of you will remember Captain Charles S. Palmer who was in command of Co. L at the Mexican Border. The writer met him recently in New Haven and he looks just the same as ever. He was inquiring about a lot of the fellows and wants to be remembered to you all. The January meeting was held at the Legion Home and until further notice that is where we will meet. You missed a good time if you weren't there on Jan. 14. Bob Ruede looked after the refreshment department and did a swell job. An old friend and buddy of ours, Bill Toothill, was among the guests. Bill runs a restaurant in New Haven.

Fred Hirsch, that live wire New Haven commander was with us too. We're always glad to see Fred.

Here's a subject which has been under discussion by a number of our members and it has been requested that your correspondent place a paragraph or two in YANKEE DOINGS about it. It is this—our Chapter charges no local dues and is one of the few not doing so. The $2. you pay yearly goes to Nat. Hdqtrs. and your Chapter retains no part of it, so whatever we may have in our treasury comes from the money raising activities of a few members—usually no more than 5 or 6 carrying this burden.

If Meriden should be called on to act as host to a State Dept. meeting we would like and expect a good crowd. Doesn't it work both ways?

—C. A. Roys.

MIDDLETOWN

"General John H. Parker, D.S.C., Chapter"
Commander: Joseph C. Kolinsky
Crystal Lake Rd., Middletown, Conn.
Secretary: Joseph Petruzello
P.O. Box 115, Middletown, Conn.

The Chapter has made final arrangements to hold their twentieth Annual Ball on Saturday, March 14th at the Legion Home. Again we have the pleasure to invite every YD man and so inclined women to be our guests at this yearly stupendous and spectacular dance. So you yard birds, at this time of the year you cannot do much in the garden or the yard, so pack up your troubles and bring the family to this once a year event and forget your cares. The only cost to you or your family will be the government tax of ten cents, and I know that none of us will renegg this little dime for our government.

Our dance this year almost was no go, some louse or louses tried to torpedo our drive that good BILL STEWART put on for us, but due to the convoy system in the shape of JOE KOLINSKY, Chief CHARLIE ANDERSON, JOE LAWTON, BEN LAMB, and that congenial lady at the Chamber of Commerce office, Mrs. Regina Cotter, our ship of state was able to stay clear of the fouled lanes, and to our surprise good Bill turned over a larger sum from this year's event than ever before.

The Chapter has made many fine contributions to local charitable affairs both in town and out of town. At this writing we are collecting books for the camps and it's just another all out affair with the chapter.

Announcement Please; The annual Pork and Potato dumpling dinner of the Chapter will soon be held at Kolinsky's through the graciousness of Joe and Nettie, and just as soon as we get the date fixed, Thompsons of Bristol, Halls of Willimantic, Bournes of Hartford, Beckwiths of Manchester will get their invite pronto, and knowing the quality and quantity of the Kolinskys annual affair to the chapter, these yard birds from around the state won't need a second invite, and neither will I.

And you Camp Edwards brothers from town, if you did not receive that nicely wrapped package with smokes, and candy from your home town chapter let us know, we have a few left over.

Joe Kolinsky tried to get into active service, and here's the laugh, overweight 110 lbs., over limit in disability, 55e and it was a nice Captain's commission, too bad Joe, but that War Department job would suffer, and that gang at Colt's thinks you are a fine fellow — hell, we have known that for the past thirty-years or more.

JOE LAWTON, another good egg, Captain to you, also tried to get in, not enough teeth to chew the bully beef so no go either. Swell of you Joe."

"ART."

NEW HAVEN

Commander: Fred B. Hirsch
139 Foster St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Henry J. Dube
265 Gorham Ave., Hamden, Conn.

The chapter is participating in another Defense project. All members have been requested to accumulate their waste papers of all kinds and to bring them to the Chateau when occasion permits. Should a comrade require transportation, contact any officer who will glady arrange to have them picked up. Would you believe it, a ton of paper has been accumulated the first month and only a quarter of the members have responded to our appeal to date.

Past Commanders' Night was held at the Chateau recently. A silent tribute was paid to our first Commander, Brigadier General JAMES A. HAGGERTY, deceased, the other Past Commanders including two time Commander FRANK P. LEE, JOHN J. WELCH and JON T. DILLON were called upon for remarks. Also, Comrade WALTER E. BOARDMAN, Past Commander of the Meriden Chapter who stopped in to visit was called upon for remarks.

We are sorry to announce the Chapter will be located at a different address after February 28. Our lease expires on the above date and new owners are taking over. Our new address will be made known soon.

At last, Commander Hirsch's dream of a Last Man's Club composed exclusively of New Haven Chapter members has become a reality. The organization meeting was held January 13. Forty-two applicants signed a charter designed by Commander Hirsch and it was closed forever following the forty-second signature. Fred Sabine was voted lifetime recorder and Ed Malone secured the bottle of Cognac for the club.

We are happy to announce the 1942-1943 dues have started to come in without any effort. Com-

rades William J. Carr, Ralph A. Walker, Frederick V. Hirsch, Henry J. Dube, George N. Barry and Raymond F. Charboneau have stepped forward and put it on the line. A very good example Comrades.

—HENRY J. DUBE.

NEW LONDON

Commander: Earl B. Lyon
Lord's Point, Stonington, Conn.
Secretary: Maurice Healey
41 Washington St., New London, Conn.

After being "bawled" out by all my chapter for not sending copy for last issue I thought I had better do so now before I got killed.

New London Chapter is mighty proud of the part they are playing in this day of emergency. We have organized a Police Dept. to assist the regular "cops" during any emergency for the duration and if successful, from then on.

We have formed a unit composed of all veterans and ex-service men and to date have ninety-three men. To show our YD gang we are doing our part, get a load of who's who:

Commander Earl Lyon is the Captain; P. C. Al St. Germaine is the Lieut.; John Bruce is First Sarg; Pat Healey is a Sarg; Roy Wilber, mess sarg; Henry Korber, corp; Andy Lotti, corp. Bill Aiken, Johnie O'Conner, Bill Donegan, Ken Webb, Bill McLaughlin, Henry Sullivan, Charlie Pillar, Harry Kent and Ernest Mills are regular cops. Sixteen out of ninety-three. We hold all our meetings at our chapter and if you should call us up some one will answer Police Hdqtrs, so see what has been going on here. What do you think gang? That's pretty good for a small chapter, huh? If anyone wants to know how to be a cop and do their bit, contact New London Chapter. That is all.

P.S.—We have "billies", badges and uniforms and helmets. Yes—we bought them.

—PAT HEALEY.

NORWALK

Commander: George Golding
38 Ohio Ave., Norwalk, Conn.
Secretary: Barney T. Clarke
72 Strawberry Hill Ave., East Norwalk, Conn.

Our first meeting of the new year was held on Jan. 16th at the YD Dugout, with 20 of our members present. HENRY WOODS, our chapter treasurer, reports that the chapter is very well off financially. Most of our boys are working in two shifts, except BARNEY CLARKE, and good old Barney deserves a good rest.

The Norwalk Chapter, as in the past voted to co-operate with the local Red Cross by donating $5.00. Also voted to purchase a $100. dollar Defense Bond. PHILIP MACINTYRE, formerly of Providence, R. I. was accepted as a member of our chapter, and was obligated by P.N.C. AL HERMAN. Our Commander GEORGE GOLDING is doing a swell job and the gang is with him one hundred per cent.

Fred "Moose" Miller has joined the Defense Training Corps, and is doing great. Tony Carrione, is doing his bit in the Auxiliary police force. Sam Polley says he is going to join the Army, to get even with the Japs for ruining his tire business.

Our next meeting will be held at the Dugout, Feb. 20th, at which time the State Commander and his staff will make their official visit. After the business meeting the Auxiliary will join the chapter for refreshments. —A.W.H.

P.S.—There is always open house at the YD Dugout. Come up and see us sometime — and keep 'em flying.

STAMFORD

Commander: Ray MacNicholl
R.F.D. No. 1, Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Vincent Callahan
110 Glenbrook Rd., Stamford, Conn.

Although it's some time since you've heard anything from the Stamford gang, we want you to know we're still doing business as usual. We hold our meetings the first Monday of the month at 388 Summer Street and average about 25 out of 41 members.

The meetings are short and to the point, after which the ladies join us for a nice cold quarter and sandwiches. So, if any of you gents can't find a good alibi to get you down to Stamford to join us, come along and bring the Missus too. The more the merrier.

Captain GEER and GEORGE CARLISS from Bridgeport dropped in at our last meeting for a visit and brought along their wives. Capt. Geer is a regular visitor and we're always glad to have him with us.

Just to start the new year off right and to help

in a small way to plow under a couple million yellow, slant-eyed runts, the outfit purchased $500.00 worth of Defense Bonds. We've worked pretty hard for the dough but feel we have the best possible investment in these bonds. Hope the other Chapters will follow suit.

The general health of the membership is good with the exception of Joe Keefe, who is confined in bed continually. You fellows who were buddies of Joe's can do a good turn if you will just drop him a line now and then.

Stamford Auxiliary

It is a long time since you have had any news from us, but we are not asleep, in fact we have been quite active.

At the last meeting it was voted that the Auxiliary buy two fifty dollar Defense Bonds. We take up a collection of twenty-five cents at each meeting. This money is used to buy cigarettes and candy for the boys of Y.D. members who are away in camp. There are seven of our sons in the service of our country and we are mighty proud of them. We have one Gold Star mother, who is an honorary member of the Auxiliary. For Christmas we gave her a YD beret with Gold Star Mother on it, and to say she was well pleased with it is putting it mildly. We meet with the men after the meeting and serve refreshments and have a good time.

—SAREPTA TOROK.

WATERBURY
"P. C. Vigneulles Chapter"

Commander: Charles P. LaDue
68 Englewood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.
Secretary: Walter L. Bolan
96 Nottingham Ter., Waterbury, Conn.

The closing of the State Armory to all but the State Guard has deprived us of our meeting room for the "duration." At our last meeting in the Armory it was voted henceforth to hold meetings monthly at the home of someone of our members.

The January meeting was held at the home of WALTER L. BOLAN. Not much business was transacted but we had a pleasant, sociable get-together and a delicious lunch.

Hats off to TIM HORGAN, formerly top-kick of A Co., 102nd Inf. On January 5th he was promoted to a lieutenancy in the Waterbury Fire Department.

Our next big affair will be the Seicheprey Banquet, scheduled for Saturday evening, April 18th, at Hotel Elton.

Our former Commander, Col. WM. J. SHANNAHAN is temporarily laid up in the Hospital. Everyone is wishing him the best of luck.

Sorry to hear that BOBBY OVERTON met with a mishap and is nursing a couple of broken ribs.

At Christmas time some of us had the pleasure of seeing Lt. Col. THOMAS HORRIGAN home for a few days from Camp Blanding. Understand that Capt. BILL DEADY is now down in Florida.

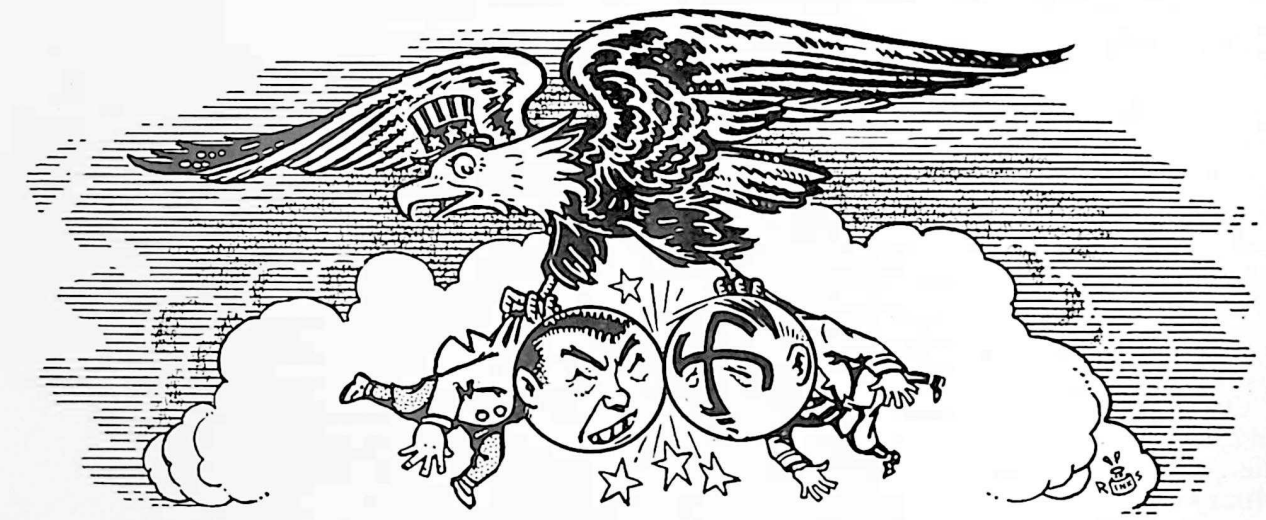
We wonder if the Boshe are now occupying the billets that we used to live in over in Landaurville, Certilleux and Rouvres, Lechetives — and Vosges. And whether the villagers treat them as kindly as they did us. Some of the boys corresponded with our one time allies up to the outbreak of this latest war and we can certify that the French people around Neufchateau held only the pleasantest of memories of the New England Yankees. One little French girl who now must be about twelve, has a big American doll with appropriate changes of clothes which the wife of a 102nd man sent her in 1938. It is acts like these that live in the hearts of people and that will be remembered long after formal treaties and diplomatic ties have been forgotten.

Understand the Auxiliary has been "going to town" raising funds these days and have been making generous donations to all public drives. Both the chapter and auxiliary made trips to Newington at different times and distributed cigarettes to every man in the hospital. The Committees reported the keen appreciation of the men and are going to try and get there again soon.

The ladies of the auxiliary gave a surprise party to the president, Rose Downs, who is laid up with a broken arm. They reported a very pleasant evening.

FRED ROWE and ROY WOODCOCK will be sporting "M.D.'s" after their names if they keep taking advanced First Aid Courses as they are doing now.

— WALTER L. BOLAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE UNITED STATES

Dep't. Commander: Nathan D. Golden, 4000 Cathedral Ave., Washington

CLEVELAND
"Ohio Chapter"

Commander: William P. O'Connor
15606 Delrey Ave., Cleveland, Ohio
Secretary: Herbert Riehl
9418 Gibson Ave., Cleveland, Ohio

Death claimed two Cleveland Yankee Division men within the past several months. One of them, CLARENCE A. HELFRICH, an employee of the Ohio Liquor Sales Stores, died December 19th at U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Brecksville, O. Mr. HELFRICH, who was 52, had been in ill health for only a short time. He was an organizer of the short-lived Cleveland Chapter of the YDVA in 1920, and was elected its first adjutant, a post which he held with distinction. Originally a member of the 83rd Division, changed in France to a training division, he became a replacement and was transferred to Co. L, 101st Infantry about August 1, 1918. He saw action at St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne. Short in stature and slightly corpulent, he had great difficulty meeting the exacting and grueling demands on his physical strength on the march or in action. We, who were his closest comrades remember, though, that even when he appeared near exhaustion, he would wipe the sweat and dust from his face, grin at us and say, "You know what, guys? This is the worst war I ever was in." He is survived by a wife and a daughter. The other, HARRY MCHUGH, a member of Co. K, 104th Infantry, died recently. We sincerely regret that details of his death have not been received at this date.

Detroit's commander doubtless will be glad to hear that Cleveland's membership drive which was to have started with a bang in January is bogged down and mired during the temporary (we hope) indisposition of our east and west team captains, both of whom failed to attend the all-important regular meeting on January 18th. All members are asked to participate in this drive, not only for Okie's sake, who may have to buy DAVE SWARTZ a YD uniform if he loses his bet with him, but also for the sake of our chapter and the entire organization. At the end of the war there were upwards of 400 Yankee Division men resident in or near Cleveland. Most of these men still live here and, if contacted by earnest members, many of them will "join up." For example, GUY E. MOSHER, Co. L, 101st Infantry, although he never responded to our notices, signed up immediately when your treasurer and your secretary visited him at his home.

Team up with somebody — and begin calling on YD prospects; take along copies of YANKEE DOINGS, the best persuader we have; and never give up until we have reached our goal.

YD NATIONAL CONVENTION — SPRINGFIELD, MASS., JUNE 25-6-7-8

Chaplain LAWLER reported that ED. NEHRENZ is a patient at the U. S. Veterans' Hospital, Brecksville. We hope that he will soon be out and back in harness.

— HERBERT RIEHL.

DENVER

"Rocky Mountain Chapter"
Commander: Arthur G. Vetter
1205 Logan St., Denver, Colo.
Secretary: Albert W. Rockwell
1414 Marion St., Denver, Colo.

One of the very finest meetings that we ever had was held on the evening of Jan. 19th, at the Jewel Steak House. Those present were MURRAY, VETTER, Judge PRESTON, GOEDELMANN, ROCKWELL, CHANDLER, CHAPIN and Doctor MORRIS. LOEB was A.W.O.L. CARL JOHNSON was absent, attending a Civilian Defense course.

A number of our boys, are either employed in defense projects or have volunteered for Civilian Defense work. Dr. MORRIS and "Rocky" are both squad leaders in the auxiliary police force. CHAPIN, too, had been assigned to police work until he started working at the local munitions plant. GOEDELMANN is employed at Ft. Logan. Judge PRESTON, a reserve captain in the Chemical Warfare, expects to be returned to active duty shortly. VETTER has signed up with the Defense activities of the local Legion.

NORTON fetched along a bottle (very much enjoyed too). Broke the news that he had taken unto himself a bride. All good wishes from the gang, NORTON.

"Rocky" had just returned from Kansas City, Missouri, where he had been attending a meeting of the National and Department Officers Conference of the V.F.W. While there he met JOE PETERSON, Dept. Commander of the V.F.W. for Massachusetts, a member of the old YD.

"Rocky" also reports that CLYDE EASTMANN is back in town.

VETTER.

DETROIT

Commander: David Swartz
15815 Linwood St., Detroit, Mich.
Secretary: Charles H Smith
8114 Wetherby St., Detroit, Mich.

On Jan. 9th, the Detroit Chapter had a social meeting at the home of STANLEY DICKINSON, where the boys were entertained with a capital "E".

The Dug-out (basement to you) was fitted out with a number of souvenirs of Guerre I, vintage of 1917, made in Germany, plus various histories of the 26th, YD, maps of France, Allied and German helmets, and Pinard Containers (canteens). There were also quite a few familiar decorative displays alternating in color and design and swiftly changing numerals that flickered from one hand to another via a long green table, bringing warmth to some, dismay to others, but as time passed on a darn good time to all, especially, was this significant when time out to eat was called and the boys made a beeline to the table laden with all kinds of good things to eat. With appetites satiated, spirits (both kinds) high, and a group of YD men well satisfied, taps sounded in the wee hours.

Present and accounted for were Commander SWARTZ, Past Commanders SADY, GUITTAUD, and BRACKETT, Chaplain DAVIS, and the old dependables RITTENBURG, ZUSSMAN, DILEANIS, WALTON, WEBSTER, and our grand host and genial YD of YD'ers, STAN DICKINSON.

— DAVE.

NEW YORK

Commander: Elwin J. Cooney
105 - 31 - 91st Ozone Park, N. Y.
Secretary: Harold B. F. Lonergan
3961 - 10 Ave., New York City

The New York Chapter, Y.D.V.A., held one of its largest attended meetings, January 27th.

Two British Army Officers were heartily welcomed to the meeting. The two Officers were Captains Morse and Franks. Treasurer JIM DONOVAN reported a very substantial bank balance. Comrade FANELLE was given a rising vote of thanks.

Chairman ED WILSON of our Membership Committee reported 184 paid up to date. Comrade "Buck" O'BRIEN reported the death of Comrade WILLIAM MURPHY.

First V. C. RALPH TURGEON, Chairman of our Springfield Band Committee reported his committee will hold a drawing in the near future to raise funds to take the Band to our convention. 1st prize will be a $75.00 Defense Bond, 2nd prize a $50.00 Bond and 3rd prize a $25.00 one.

Commander COONEY called for strict attention, after calling on Comrade JULIUS FEDEL, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, to announce the names of those Comrades who they

had selected to lead the New York Chapter for 1942. The Nominating Committee named: For Comm., Ralph A. Turgeon; First V. C., C. Edward Wilson; V. C., James J. Donovan, Sec., Harold B. F. Lonergan, Treas., William H. Cowie, Serg.-at-Arms, Harry O'Donnell; Chap., Rev. Father Thomas F. Temple; Historian, Anthony F. Fanelle; Trustees named were Elwin J. Cooney, Frank Kurris, William O'Brien, Herman L. Thorn and William J. Collins.

After a lengthy discussion it was finally decided that the Installation will be held in the New England Room of the Prince George Hotel, 14 East 28 Street, New York City, on Tuesday Evening, February 24, 1942 at 9 P. M. Dinner will be served from 6.30 P. M. to 8 P. M. My advice to you Comrades Eliot Carter, Bill McNulty, Lea Redfield, Al Herman, Austin Appleby, Ray Doucette, Jim (Cowboy) Sullivan, Guy Watts, and you State Commanders and others be prepared for a "Big Night."

The Committee for the YD Commemoration Memorial Fund still needs donations, so get busy Comrades and send yours in today.

Don't forget the Installation date, Tuesday Evening, February 24, 1942.

— Harold B. F. Lonergan,

PHILADELPHIA

Commander: W. A. Forsythe
202 Susquehanna Road, Abington, Pa.
Secretary: Louis Wintner
911 W. Roosevelt Blvd., Phila., Pa.

The January meeting of the Phila. Chapter was held on the 24th at the home of our Past Commander Harvey Ellis in Oaklyn, N. J. not Brooklyn. Once again P.C. and Mrs. Ellis were most gracious hosts. Their game room was especially decorated for the gala occasion, and as usual, the party was a grand success. The door prize, a pound of a certain dated coffee and six rolls (?), was won by our baby member's wife, Mrs. Alfred Roberts. "Chick" Frazier annoyed the gathering with his Rubinoff impersonations and the noise (not music) was terrific. If P. C. Ellis' lease is not broken it will be one of the wonders of this world. The eats and drinks, as usual, were plenty and tasty. With our old friend Darragh Higgins joining up again with us, we now have the world's best table tennis player. Also, our dart team has been strengthened. Unfortunately our good and noble Secretary Lou Wintner has been displaced, but only temporarily, by our new champion Phil Maloney. Also, our baby member Alfred Roberts is likewise some pumpkin with the darts. The team still has to drag along our Commander Bill Forsyth, who now has lost his cellar title to Don Hildreth.

All the girls (give them a break, members' wives or sugie-pies) were exceedingly sweet and if Phil Maloney don't keep his eyes on his vivacious daughter, Gloria, somebody surely will steal her one of these bright mornings. By the way, Ernie Bates is not sleeping at the switch. Nevertheless, Ernie, take a tip and get these young widows home early; they need plenty of sleep, and not in some chop suey joint with "Chick" Frazier.

We missed Mr. and Mrs. Claude Gauntt, but Claude was helping his government by doing extra night work so he is forgiven. We also missed our good Treasurer Al Meyerowitz and his charming wife, so the party was without any new nor original stories. Unfortunately Al was called home on account of illness in his family.

We have to report the serious illness of Mrs. Lenker, wife of our steady member M. L. Lenker. We also have to report that Al Robert's wife goes into the Woodbury Hospital for a major operation. We wish both of these ladies an early and complete recovery.

— Bill Forsyth.

WASHINGTON

Commander: Wm. D. Sharples
1825 F. St., N.W., Washington, D. C.
Secretary: Charles J. McManus
4731 Ellicott St., N.W., Washington, D. C

There's not much to report on January's meeting. It was a disagreeable snowy night and only a few of the boys showed up at John Caswell's office — Carson, Dodic, Golden, Hutchins, Jordan, McManus, Queenin, Sharples and Stambler. General "gum batting" was in order, but we did appoint a committee to begin deliberations looking toward a slate of possible candidates to serve as officers in 1942-43. Al Bartram had to go back to Walter Reed Hospital for a rather severe hip operation, however we're glad to report that the latest communiqué was real favorable.

— C. J. McM.

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E CO. ECHOES

Andy Salveson is working at Fore River Ship Yards and he and John Rooney see each other quite frequently. Roger Harvey is living in Florida now. Brownie saw him down there last year. Babe Murdy's daughter is going to Teachers' College. Babe has two daughters and a son.

Herbie Weeks is one of the draw-bridge tenders on the Fox Hill Bridge, Lynn. Has been there for the past two years or so. Give him a buzz if you're down that way. We have another bank president in the ranks of our alumni—Lt. H. O. Jackson, is President of the First National Bank, Somersworth, N. H. Fred Hewey sent us a clipping in November telling of the promotion of David Buxton, Bill's son, from one air field to another Had a card from Logee asking where Haskell's town of Danville, California was.

Charlie Watson is doing a worthwhile job in Air Raid Precaution work in Winchester, Mass. We had the privilege of reading a talk he gave on gas protection and it was a corker. Any more of youse guys working along these lines? Please let us know. That's news. A friend of mine met John Blasenack while hunting up at Temple Mountain, N. H. He reports that John is quite a nimrod, as well as a musician. Drop us a line some time John and tell us some tall hunting or fishing stories—or even true ones if you know any. We renewed the subscription of "Life" for Co. E 101st Engineers at Camp Edwards. We wouldn't be surprised if it would have to be forwarded a long ways from there if the boys are to read it. Here's a nice letter from John Foley and we're sorry we haven't space to reprint it but we'll have to pass it up. The kind words you say about the "Echoes" are deeply appreciated John and your support is a great help. Glad you like 'em. Bill McGinn is now at 31 Water Street, Richmond, Maine. Says he'd enjoy seeing any of the boys who happen down his way.

Lt. Co. J. E. Langley, U.S.A. Ret. writes in from 118 E. Ashby Place, San Antonio, Texas, that he was retired for age on October 31st. In spite of that we'll bet that our Captain Johnny has lots of fight and activity in him yet. Let's hope he gets up this way before too long. His message came on a Christmas card, which reminds us to express our thanks for the thoughtfulness of so many who sent cards around the Yuletide. Your good wishes are all heartily reciprocated. Herby Thurston is active in Civilian Defense work in Needham, Mass. and reports that Bert "Red" Denner is a real go-getter guy in his town in that sort of thing.

Here and there with the 101st . . . On Sunday, Jan. 11, the regimental council which met at the Michael J. Perkins Post, A. L. in South Boston was well attended . . . Following the meeting there was plenty of food, beverages and talent handed out to the boys through the kind generosity of good old Knocko McCormack (B Co.) The next council meeting will be held on Sunday February 8, at the American Legion Home, 321 Winthrop St., Medford . . . E Company will be the host . . . Capt. Arthur Gavin (H Co.) is now at Camp Dix. Attended the YD dedication exercises at Camp Edwards with Jack Coughlin (K Co.) regimental president and John Kelly (B Co.) and Billie Gallagher (D Co.) both past presidents of our organization . . . When the dedication was over we were invited by Col. Paul Kirk, who commands the new 101st, to eat with him at the officers mess . . . At the Colonel's table were Lt. Col. Francis X. Phelan, (Hdqts) who is the executive officer of the new 101st, Lt. Col. Edward Connors (B Co.) and Major Walter "Monty" Mungovan (Supply). After enjoying a swell dinner we adjourned to the Colonel's Hdqts. where we hld a small reunion swapping stories of the old days . . . It

sure was a swell day for us old buck privates . . . Clifton Burgess (Hdqts) is now a guard at the County Farm in Plymouth . . . Charlie Walker (D Co.) attached to the Milk street station received a letter from his son Charles Jr. who was on a warship in Pearl Harbor when the Japs struck their savage blow . . . He wrote, "These damn yellow dogs have at last shown their hand and drawn first blood. Now let them pay for it. We'll be in there pitching, so keep your chins up."

ENGINEER ENTRIES

The 101st Engineers Welfare Association have again started to hold meetings very first Monday at the First Corps Armory. Plans are being discussed to hold a reunion on April 11th for the men of the Engineers. The ladies would appreciate any suggestions from members as to whether they feel they would be interested in the ladies again taking on the arrangements for such an affair. Special meeting will be held on February 16th at the Old Colony Trust Co., on Temple Place. Regular March meeting at the Armory, first Monday.

SIGNAL CORPS SIGNALS

To answer the same question from many of you, "Why haven't you written something lately?" Well, unless you write to me, how am I to know anything about you?

The second Sunday in January John Hopkins, Portland, Oregon, spent the afternoon and evening with me here in Oakland. He wants to be remembered to all those who remember him. John, whose brother is FDR's Harry, is with the Federal Works Agency. Another Portland Signaler is Ernest Gray who is still doing telegraphing.

From Christmas Greetings I learn that the Fred Mardens have moved from Southbridge to Kittery, Maine.

The other day I had a letter from Mrs. William Knowles and I was both surprised and sorry to learn that Bill (William J.) passed away last August sixth after a ten weeks illness.

Herbert L. "Jake" Jaycox sent a picture of his inviting home in Ridgewood, N. J. He is still in the Reserve, 1st Lt. Eng. For nearly a year Jake has been "loaned" to the OPM doing special work.

Charles T. Weidner, San Antonio, has been very busy doing work for the U. S. Engineers, designing several buildings at Kelly Field.

A P O

A Last Man Club of members of New Haven Chapter was formed recently and FRED SABINE was named permanent recorder and EDDIE MALONE, custodian of the cognac. Forty-two members signed the charter.

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The Rev. DANIEL W. STRICKLAND, former captain Co. D, 102nd Infantry, but now of Moretown, Vermont, lost his mother, Mrs. Eliza Ann Strickland, lately. She was 82 years of age. Another son, Paul Strickland, who was serving with the YD in France when commissioned a lieutenant, was killed in action.

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LEO T. MALLOY, 103rd Inf., risked his life recently in Saugus, Mass., to save a boy from drowning. He went in the icy water a second time to save another boy but was unable to find him in the darkness.

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Dr. SIDNEY ISAACS, 103rd Infantry, has given up a lucrative practice to enlist in the Navy as a pharmacist's mate.

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DANA KAISER of YDVA has received a long, interesting letter from an English lad, J. Yule, on HMS Rodney. The details can not be divulged, but the youngster expressed his appreciation for hospitality given him by Dana when he was here recently.

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MARTY TAYLOR of the YD Club is up in arms over the mess your editor left on the office floor. If you boys insist on sending in news we have to heave the envelopes somewhere.

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• TAPS •

HARLAND BERGER, Co. D, 102nd Inf., passed away on Oct. 23rd. No details given.

JOSEPH GRANGER, G Co., 104th Inf., died on Dec. 28 at Phila., Pa. Burial was in U. S. National Cemetery, Germantown, Pa.

CLARENCE A. HELFRICH, Co. L, 101st Inf., died at the U. S. Veterans Hospital, Brecksville, Ohio, recently.

HARRY MCHUGH, K Co., 104th Inf., is reported to have passed away recently. No details.

RICHARD MALONE, D Co., 101st Inf., died on Jan. 6th and was buried at Kingston, Mass.

JAMES RICHARDSON, B Baty., 103rd F. A., passed away in Pawtucket, R. I., and was buried on Feb. 1st. He had been confined at Newport Naval Hospital before his death and he was given a military funeral.

WILLIAM DUPRISS, D Co., 101st Inf., is reported to have passed away on Dec. 23rd. Burial was at Plymouth, Mass.

FIODI THOMASETI, Co. L, 102nd Inf., died on Jan. 17. Burial was from Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Forest Hills, Mass., and he was buried in Sacred Heart Cemetery.

WILLIAM MURPHY, C Co., 101st Inf., died recently at the Bronx Veterans Hospital No. 81.

JAMES W. CORBIN, Hdq. Co., 104th Infantry, passed away in Somerville, Mass., on February 8. Burial was in that city.

MAURICE DUNN, Hdq. Co., 104th Infantry, died on February 8 at Gloucester, Mass., and was buried in that town.

EDWARD A. COLLINS, Co. B, 102nd Mach. Gun Bat'n., died at Framingham, Mass., on Feb. 3. Burial was from St. Bridget's Church and many members of his old outfit attended the services.

"RUTLAND DAY" SUCCESS BY WORCESTER CHAPTER

To the old YD'ers and other disabled veterans in Rutland Hospital, February first, was a day of cheer, for on that date the Worcester Chapter celebrated its annual Rutland Hospital Day by giving an excellent program of entertainment. Each YD veteran received a fine box which contained everything from a carton of cigarettes to a shoe horn, and if you'll take our word for it — we think the shoe horn was appropriate because they needed one to pack so many things into one box.

Those in charge of the program were: FRED A. JONES, Chairman; JUD FISH, Entertainment, and AUSTIN KENNEDY, Treasurer; all of the Worcester Chapter.

Mrs. Nina Knott, Recreational Aide at the hospital was assisted by Miss Hazeltine Rich and Miss Elizabeth Gabriel of Worcester, Miss Martha Henshaw and Mrs. Gladys Perkins of Framingham, all members of Worcester Chapter of the Gray Ladies who acted as hostesses.

John J. Coughlin, President of the 101st Veterans Association came up from Boston, and our old Comrade and publisher of the "DOINGS", RAYMOND ROSSEEL of Worcester, as well as many other old YD'ers came and gave us the "How! How! Buddy!" All the YD'ers here send their best to you and you from here, there and everywhere. — IRVING L. CRITCHER.

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It makes us slightly sick when we think of it. It also makes us mad. They might better take a page from the book of one YDVA member whose wife has taught his ten year old daughter to knit wristers for the boys at camp. It's just possible that he is all wet and teaching her to be a toe dancer would be more effective in winning this war but until we get proof to the contrary we'll string along with the knitting.

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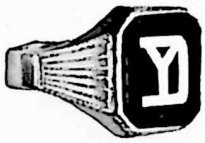

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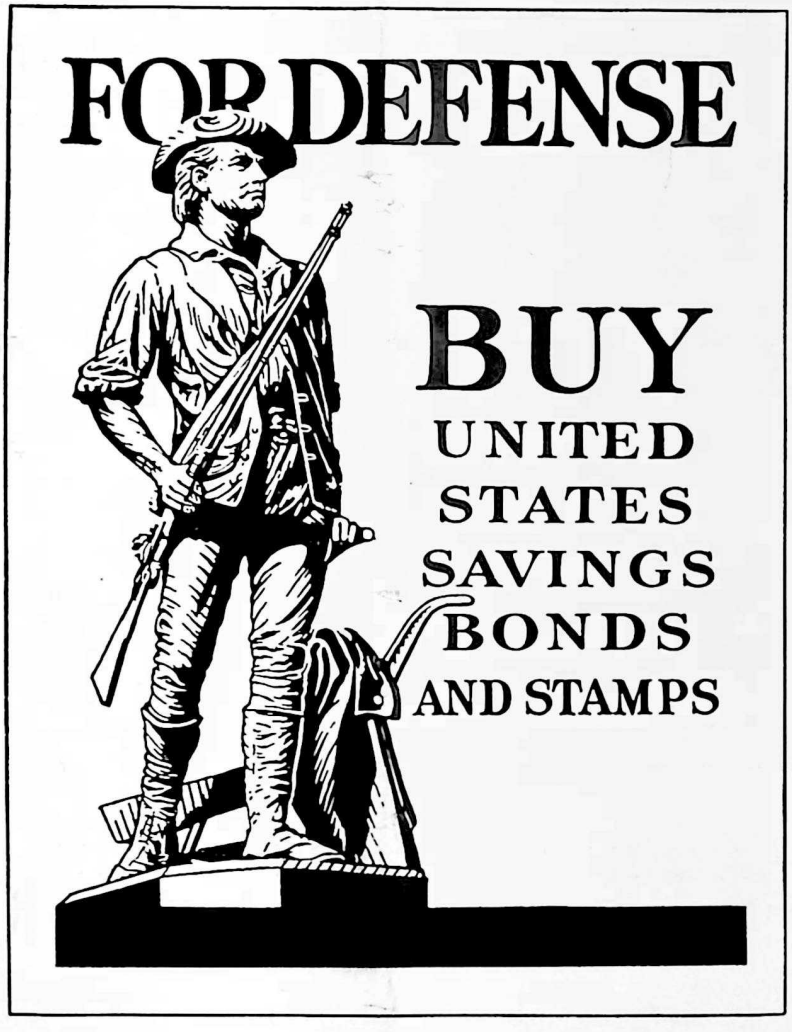

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